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SUBJECT: ROME AIRPORT INCIDENT

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3 AS OF 1630 EST DECEMBER 18

1. AFTER A REFUELING STOP AT DAMASCUS, THE HIJACKED LUFTHANSA 737 FLEW TO KUWAIT, WHERE LUFTHANSA AND FRG OFFICIALS AND THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT INDUCED THE 4 OR 5 HIJACKERS TO DEBARK WITH THEIR HOSTAGES (SIX CREW MEMBERS AND SIX OTHERS). EARLIER REPORTS OF SEVERAL MURDERED HOSTAGES ARE THEREFORE DISCOUNTED. HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. IT IS REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCES OF SAFE CONDUCT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT GOK RECENTLY RELEASED TERRORISTS WHO SEIZED SAUDI EMBASSY IN PARIS.

2. PRESIDENT NIXON ISSUED STATEMENT TODAY ON INCIDENT AND ON TERRORISM IN GENERAL.

3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR THE PRESIDENT AND YOU TO KING HASSAN AND MOROCCAN FOMIN RESPECTIVELY.

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4. IDENTIFICATION OF BURNED REMAINS OF FATALITIES CON-

TINUING SLOWLY IN ROME. RUSH

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